

Celebrating the Permanent Diaconate

Our diocese has been blessed by the reintroduction of the Permanent Diaconate in 2013. John Dunleavy, Gary Moore, David O'Flaherty, Fergal O'Neill, Joe O'Rourke, Pat Roche and Jim Stowe were ordained in a ceremony in the Cathedral on October 13th, 2013. Paul Wyer, already ordained for the Diocese of Northampton moved to Kildare & Leighlin earlier the same year. The contribution of these eight men to the life of their parish and the diocese is deeply appreciated. Permanent deacons are to be found ministering in several dioceses around Ireland today.

2020 is another special year in the story of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese as we see the ordination of three further Permanent Deacons. Liturgy in the context of Covid-19 is very restrictive and very different. Because of this I have opted to ordain each of the men in the local parish, this will help with the limited numbers free to gather in our churches at this time as well as spreading the message of the Permanent Diaconate to the wider diocesan family, with many following the ceremonies on respective webcams.

The three candidates due for ordination in the coming weeks are: Vincent Crowley – Holy Rosary Church, Tullow, Sunday 4th October at 3pm Liam Dunne – Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, Sunday 11th October at 3pm Eugene Keyes – St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, Sunday 25th October at 3pm

I ask all in the diocese to remember the men, their wives and families in your prayers over the coming weeks. +Denis

House Visitation

The Parish Team

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Safeguarding

Please contact the Parish Centre for the contact details of our Child Safeguarding Representatives.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Mr Mick Daly Email: dlp@kandle.ie

The Parish team are not currently visiting houses with the Blessed Sacrament. However, if you wish to receive the Eucharist at home please contact the Presbytery at 059 913 1227 and a visit can be arranged.

Mass in the Cathedral for the week of the 28th Sept - 4th October. Monday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am and 1pm Saturday: 10am, 1pm and 6.15pm Vigil Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm ALL MASSES AVAILABLE ON CATHEDRAL PARISH WEBCAM: http://www.carlowcathedral.ie/ webcam/

Covid_19 Phone Supports

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Bereavement Support Line

The Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line is a new dedicated National Phone Line, in partnership with HSE Live to support those grieving in these exceptional times. Dial freephone 1800 80 70 77.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday to Friday in the Cathedral from 6pm to 8pm. **PLEASE NOTE: NO ADORATION ON TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER.**

The Hook of Faith Zoom Conference

The team at 'The Hook of Faith' (www.thehookoffaith.com) are pleased to announce a Zoom Conference for the month of October that focuses on 'EVANGELISING IRISH CULTURE TODAY'. Each session will be led by an expert speaker followed by 10 mins of Q and A. Each session will begin at 8pm. We hope that as many as possible participate in this event for the missionary month of October.

Living Well

This is a free group online Self-Management programme for adults with long term health conditions. For more information please contact Ciara number 087 4088325 email: SelfManagementSupports-SECH@hse.ie Website: www.hse.ie/LivingWell

Towards Peace

Towards Peace is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse perpetrated by Church personnel, individually or institutionally. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe, supportive space for people and their families, whose spiritual life has been damaged by abuse. It is also a response to the continually growing understanding of the spiritual impact of the trauma of abuse. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion.

If you have been affected by the above and would like a space to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse on your own relationship with God and spirituality, Towards Peace is here for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 015053028. Mobile:086 7710533

Up to nine sessions are available and there is no fee.

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